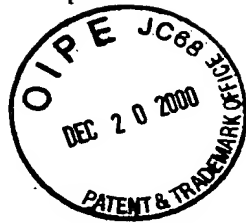


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks to the final office action mailed on September 26, 2000 ("Office Action").

Applicants respectfully assert that consideration of the following arguments will result in an allowance, or in the alternative, will reduce issues for appeal. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview of December 20, 2000 ("Interview"). All of the remarks in this response are consistent with the Examiner's suggestions and remarks during the interview.